# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, South Dakota's cultural heritage is rich and diverse as represented by the thousands of historical sites, historic buildings, and landscapes that have been discovered and recorded throughout our state; and,

***Whereas***, The protection and preservation of these sites, buildings, and landscapes provide educational, scientific, and economic benefits for all citizens; and,

***Whereas***, Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and,

***Whereas***, South Dakota Historic Preservation Month was created to acquaint the public with the disciplines and benefits of historic preservation and to strengthen the enduring bond between the past and the present; and,

***Whereas***, Public appreciation and understanding is the foundation of preserving South Dakota's past for future generations; and,

***Whereas***, The South Dakota State Historical Society has joined with other government agencies, private companies, architectural historians, historians, students, and private citizens to enhance public awareness of history and preservation in South Dakota; and,

***Whereas***, "Discover South Dakota's Hidden Gems" is the theme for South Dakota Historic Preservation Month 2012 sponsored by the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as

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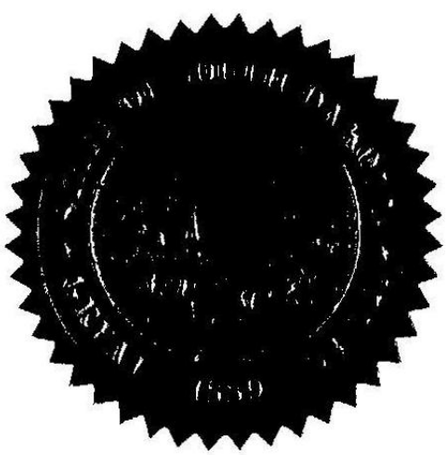
in South Dakota, and call upon the people of South Dakota to join their fellow citizens across the state in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State